

REMARKS

Claims 1-4 are pending. Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter is presented herein.

The Applicants respectfully acknowledge and appreciate the indication by the Examiner that Claims 2-4, although objected to, would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, including all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The Office Action objects to Figure 2 of the drawings. Enclosed herein is a replacement sheet of formal drawing Figure 2, wherein the hatching of casing 7 has been updated to show "Section of Synthetic Resin or Plastic" in accordance with MPEP 608.02. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the objection.

Applicants respectfully note that the Specification is amended herein merely to correct grammatical errors.

The Office Action provisionally rejects Claim 1 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claim 1 of co-pending Patent Application Serial No. 10/726,640, which issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,795,643 on September 21, 2004. Enclosed herein is a Terminal Disclaimer disclaiming the term of any patent issuing from this application that extends beyond the term of patent No. 6,795,643. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection.

In view of the above changes, the Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the application, withdrawal of the outstanding objections and rejection, allowance of Claims 1-4, and the prompt issuance of a Notice of Allowability.

Should the Examiner believe anything further is desirable in order to place this application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone listed below.

In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, the Applicant respectfully petitions for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension, together with any additional fees that may be due with respect to this paper, may be charged to counsel's Deposit Account No. 01-2300, referencing **attorney docket number 024656-00029**.

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IN THE DRAWINGS:

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